Please cancel claim 4, without prejudice.

5 (Amended). The vessel according to claim [4] 1, wherein said [characterized in that the] wort guiding screen (3, 22, 30, 34) is designed as a double-walled screen through the interior of which a heating medium[, such as steam,] can be guided.

6 (Amended). The vessel according to [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 5], wherein said [characterized in that the] wort guiding screen covers at least two thirds of the basic area of the vessel (1).

7 (Amended). The vessel according to [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 6], wherein said [characterized in that the] wort guiding screen is cone-shaped.

8 (Amended). The vessel according to claim 7, wherein [characterized in that] the angle of inclination of [the] said wort guiding screen relative to the horizontal is between 20° and 40°.

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9 (Amended). The vessel according to [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 8], wherein the wort vessel [characterized in that it] is connected as an evaporation vessel between a wort kettle [or whirlpool (kettle)] and a plate cooler.

10 (Amended). The vessel according to [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 8], wherein the wort vessel [characterized in that it] is combined as a pre-run vessel[/kettle] with a wort kettle.

11 (Amended). The vessel according to [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 10], wherein [characterized in that] the wort

[kettle] vessel (40) is preferably combined with a pre-run vessel (66).

12 (Amended). The vessel according to claim 1, wherein said [characterized in that the] wort guiding screen comprises at least two guiding surfaces (22) that are superimposed in cascade-like fashion.

13 (Amended). The vessel according to claim 1, wherein said [characterized in that the] wort guiding guiding screen is designed as a conical surface (30) with a downward orientation of the tip of the cone.

14 (Amended). The vessel according to claim 1, wherein said [characterized in that the] wort guiding screen is designed as a cylindrical surface (34) on the inner circumference of which the wort is guided in the manner of a spiral to run downwards.

15 (Amended). The vessel according to [at least one of the preceding] claim[s] 1, wherein [characterized in that] the surface of [the] said wort guiding screen [is],at least in part, [corrugated or] has a waved structure for an improved transmission of heat.

16 (Amended). A method for boiling wort in beer brewing, comprising the step of discharging [characterized in that] the wort [is discharged] onto an inclined, heated guiding surface from which it flows down and spreads into a sheet and is thereby heated.

17 (Amended). The method according to claim 16, and the step of guiding [characterized in that] the wort [is guided]

over the guiding surface by [being circulated] circulation by a pump.

18 (Amended). The method according to claim 16 [or 17], and wherein said [characterized in that] wort boiling is carried out in at least two phases, the first phase comprising [the] heating up of wort by pumping over [the] said heated guiding surface, and the second phase comprising boiling of wort by pumping over [the] said heated guiding surface.

19 (Amended). The method according to claim 18, and wherein said [characterized in that the] second phase is followed[, optionally after a rest phase,] by a third phase [in which] comprising stripping the wort [is stripped] by pumping over [the] said heated guiding surface.

A2 20 (Amended). The method according to [any one of] claim[s 16 to 19] 18, and wherein [characterized in that] in [the] said first phase the pumping amount is chosen to be larger than in [the] said second phase.

21 (Amended). The method according to claim 19, wherein [characterized in that] in [the] said third phase the pumping amount is chosen to be smaller than in [the] said first [two] and second phases.

22 (Amended). The method according to [at least one of] claim[s 16 to 21] 18, wherein [characterized in that] the heat amount supplied to [the] said guiding surface is chosen to be higher in [the] said first phase than in [the] said second phase.

23 (Amended). The method according to claim 22, and the step of controlling [characterized in that] the supply of the heat amount [is controlled] by adjusting different steam pressures [in the case of a ] for said heated guiding surface when heated with superheated steam.

24 (Amended). The method according to [any one of] claim[s] 16 [to 23], wherein [characterized in that] the layer thickness of the wort flow over [the] said guiding surface is less than 20 mm[, but preferably between 1 and 10 mm].

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25 (Amended). The method according to [at least one of] claim[s] 16 [to 24], wherein [characterized in that] the flow rate of the wort over [the] said guiding surface ranges from between 0.2 m/s to 1 m/s.

Please add the following new claims:

26. The vessel according to claim 5, wherein said heating medium is steam.

27. The vessel according to claim 1, wherein the wort vessel is connected as an evaporation vessel between a whirlpool kettle and a plate cooler.

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28. The vessel according to claim 15, wherein said waved structure for said surface of said wort guiding screen is corrugated.

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29. The vessel according to claim 15, wherein said second phase is followed by a rest phase prior to said third phase.

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